(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether some of the MPs have written to him on the 29th January, 2007 but to no reply and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) With effect from 4th July, 2005 Safdarjung Hospital have established a system of procurement of various Cardiology disposables including PTCA stent and the price of S-7 stent as per this system is Rs.25,000/- each. Patient Smt. Phoola Rani had purchased the stent directly from a private supplier *viz.* M/s Mantoo Medical Technology, Gautam Nagar, New Delhi on 3rd May, 2005 for Rs.45,000/- The Cardiology Department of Safdarjung Hospital had no role in this procurement and this stent was purchased by the patient's relatives directly from the private supplier and was prior to the rate contract system being established in the hospital. A reply to the letter dated 29th January, 2007 of Shri Motiur Rahman honourable Member, Rajya Sabha has been sent on 29th August, 2007.

Enforcement of medical code of ethics

2067. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India's code of ethics is not being enforced at all;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) In order to regulate the conduct of doctors, the Medical Council of India with the approval of the Central Government, has notified Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002. These Regulations prescribe various acts of commission and omission on the part of a physician, which are construed as misconduct and unethical. The Medical Council of India or the appropriate State Medical Councils have been empowered to take disciplinary action against a physician for violation of the provisions or the Regulations. As and when complaints are received by the government against the violation of code of ethics of doctors, Medical Council of India is advised to inquire into such violations and take strict action against violators.

Multi-drug resistant T.B.

2068. MS PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to provide treatment for multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) for the first time in the country;